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report to the Secretary of War that there was anything 'cowardly' in my attitude in regard to the hospital and its affairs. I take great pleasure, however, in the open and gratuitous compliment paid me in my being given credit for controlling the whole nursing profession in America, and thus preventing nurses from coming to the civil government. These things should surely have been properly investigated. 'If' the statements made by the Secretary of the Interior are true, then that gentleman has failed in his duty as a public official. However, the secretary has been quite a number of years in the Philippines, and may have dreamed a great deal on his many trips of investigation which said trips 'apparently' interfered very considerably when investigations in Manila were desired not only by myself but by the public in general.

"Thanking you in advance, Mr. Editor, for space for this item, written in self-defense, I am,

"Respectfully yours,

ANNA M. FREEMAN."

## APPRECIATION

### I

DEAR EDITOR: I have been in the country for the past year and do not know what I would have done without my JOURNAL. I kept up with everything by its aid.

Kentucky.

E. A. T.

### II

DEAR EDITOR: Not long ago I was called upon to relieve another nurse, who was interested in her work, thoughtful, and tactful. Later, when discussing nursing affairs, I asked her whether she took the JOURNAL (many graduate and registered nurses do not). She replied that she did, that she could not work without it, and that she had the last number with her. I knew from her reply that she made a study of her work, and that was afterward proved to me by her work itself. Every time that a number of the JOURNAL arrives, when I get time to read it I realize in what close touch it keeps one with all the doings of the nursing world. It gives knowledge of the newest and most advanced methods in nursing, makes one wish to attend every meeting of the American Nurses' Association, and those of her own state, and brings one in contact with the women of her profession who are, I think, the most intelligent in the world.

What can be more inspiring than the editorials, in which nothing has ever been said that is weak or illogical? How appreciative they are of the difficulties which we, as individuals, meet in our work, of our individual efforts, and of the results that are accomplished in many ways through nursing! The editor's recognition of these things is a source of inspiration to me and must be to hundreds of other readers. And are we not all helped by Miss Dock, Miss Wald, Miss Scovil, Miss McIsaac, Miss Damer, Miss Nutting, and many others? I feel the extent of their assistance each time a copy of the magazine arrives.

Tennessee.

EDITH C. HUNTINGTON, R.N.